Loss due to Landslides of Sikkim

1886. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of loss of lives and properties due to recent landslides at Sikkim;

(b) if so, the amount of loss assessed;

(c) how much money has so far been released by Government for the relief works at Sikkim; and

(d) whether Government agrees to release more fund for landslide affected people of Sikkim for their rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) According to reports received from the Government of Sikkim, heavy rains and landslides on 7—9 June, 1997 claimed 57 human lives and damaged 3000 houses mainly in the Gangtok town.

(c) and (d) Three instalments of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund for 1997-98 amounting to Rs. 2.80 crores have been released to the State Government including advance release of two instalments amounting to Rs. 1.86 crores in the wake of heavy rains and landslides. A memorandum was received from the State Government seeking additional assistance for relief and rehabilitation measures. After considering the report of a Central team which visited the affected areas the National Calamity Relief Committee have decided to provide an additional assistance of Rs. 7.00 crores from the National Fund for Calamity Relief.

Statutory Posts in I.D.P.L.

1887. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are some statutory posts exist in Indian Drugs and Phrmaceuticals Limited; and

(b) if so, give the names of such posts?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The Companies Act stipulates that every public company should have a minimum number of Directors and that companies having a Paid-up share capital of the prescribed amount or more should have a whole time Secretary. These provisions are applicable to the IDPL also.

Requirement of Fertilisers

1888. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total requirement of fertilisers in the country during 1996-97 as compared to 1995-96, particularly in Rajasthan and Orissa;

(b) the quantum of requirement of fertilisers met from the domestic production;

(c) the estimated imports of fertilisers made in 1996-97 or proposed to be made during 1997-98, country-wise;

(d) the estimated foreign exchange involved during 1996-97 and 1997-98; and

(e) the total value/quantity of imported fertilisers during each of the last 3 years?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The assessed requirement of fertilisers in terms of NPK in 1996-97 as compared to 1995-96 for the country and the state of Rajasthan & Orissa are given in the Statement-I. (*See* below)

(b) During 1996-97, against the total requirement of 169.86 LMTs of fertilisers in NPK terms, 111.56 LMTs of fertilisers in N&P terms were indigenously produced. Since there are no known and

commercially exploitable reserves of potash in the country, the entire requirement is met through imports.

(c) Urea is the only fertiliser which is imported on Government account. 23.28 LMT of urea was imported during 1996-97; 13.62 LMT has been imported during 1997-98 (up to July, 97). Country-wise details of imports are given in the Statement-II (*See* below).

(d) and (e) The total quantity and value of urea imported during the last 3 years is given in the Statement at Annexure-III. DAP & MOP are decontrolled fertilisers and their imports are decanlised; the quantity of DAP & MOP imported on private trade account during the last 3 years, as per information available with this Department, is given in the Statement-III.

Statement-I

Potential Requirement and Production in the country during 1995-96 and 1996-97

(Figures in LMTs)
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	Demand/Potential requirement					Production		
STATE	YEAR	N	P	K	TOTAL	N	P	K TOTAL
ALL INDIA	1995-96	108.72	38.57	14.21	161.50	87.77	25.58	— 113.35
	1996-97*	115.28	39.23	15.35	169.86	86.00	25.56	— 111.56

State-wise Demand/Potential requirement during 1995-96 and 1996-97

STATE	YEAR	N	P	K	TOTAL
RAJASTHAN	1995-96	5.13	1.90	0.09	7.12
	1996-97*	5.85	1.97	0.09	7.91
ORISSA	1995-96	2.03	0.60	0.42	3.05
	1996-97*	2.88	0.88	0.65	4.41

* Figures are provisional

Statement-II

Statement indicating the Countrywise Imports of urea during 1996-97 and 1997-98 (Upto July, 1997)

S. No.	Name of country	1996-97 (Qty. in LMTs.)	1997-98 (Qty. in LMTs.)
1.	BANGLADESH	1.44	—
2.	CIS	6.84	6.03
3.	GERMANY	—	0.29
4.	KUWAIT	3.86	1.17
5.	LIBYA	2.14	0.81

S. No.	Name of country	1996-97 (Qty. in LMTs.)	1997-98 (Qty. in LMTs.)
6.	QATAR	2.95	1.33
7.	ROMANIA	1.60	1.22
8.	SAUDI ARABIA	2.98	1.46
9.	UAE	1.47	1.31
	TOTAL	23.28	13.62

Statement-III

Arrival of imported fertilizers and Cost & Freight (C&F) value

Product		Quantity (Lakh MTs.)	C&F Value (US $ in million)
UREA (On Govt. account)	1994-95	28.70	507.47
	1995-96	37.82	874.41
	1996-97	23.28	472.70
	‡1997-98 (upto July97)	13.62	234.60
DAP‡‡	1994-95	8.65	NA
	1995-96	15.14	NA
	1996-97	5.34	NA
	++1997-98 (upto July-97)	7.97	NA
MOP‡‡	1994-95	18.48	NA
	1995-96	21.92	NA
	1996-97	10.21	NA
	‡1997-98 (upto July-97)	6.80	NA

‡ the date for 1997-98 is a provisional estimate.
‡‡ figures of impors of decontroled fertilizers are as available with the Department.
NA:Not available as the imports are on private account.

Hanumantha Rao Committee Report

1889. SHRI BHRAMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the Hanumantha Rao Committee Report on retention price for fertilizers units in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to formulate a new fertilizer policy on the basis of the report; and

(d) if so, by when the new policy will be finalised and laid on the Table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) A report on the decision of the Government regarding fertilizer policy in the light of the recommendation of the Hanumantha Rao Committee would be laid in the Table of the House in due course.

Setting up of liquid sulphur terminal in Andhra Pradesh

1890. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's first liuqid sulphur terminal has been set up in Andhra Pradesh at the cost of Rs. 10.50 crore;

(b) if so, the special features of this terminal;

(c) whether such installation has benefited the State, country and common man of Andhra Pradesh in any way; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons for allowing its installation?